

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed federal activity in Fairfax County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 27, 2017 to February 22, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal agency activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal zone.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Department of the Army (Army) at Fort Belvoir proposes to extend a communications line at the Davison Army Airfield in Fairfax County. The proposed activity includes the installation of approximately 2 miles of concrete encased communications ductbank to provide an underground pathway for communications cabling to connect the core area of Fort Belvoir to Davison Army Airfield. The ductbank route will follow the Poe Road Alternative. The proposed project will include the following: clearing of existing utility right-of-ways, select trimming of existing plants and trees currently impinging on the right-of-ways and associated road shoulders; trenching, conduit installation, concrete placement and backfill of the ductbank trench to match preconstruction conditions, including directionally drilled installation of an encased, 4-way conduit bundle to avoid sensitive wetland and/or coastal water resources, including Accotink Creek adjacent to the existing Poe Road bridge; and the installation of above ground utility markers and delineators, manholes, hand holes and vaults; restoration of disturbed areas to match preconstruction conditions including pavement patching, shoulder stabilization, mulching, final grading, erosion control measures and site seeding to re-establish vegetative cover. Construction activities will be completed in accordance with Chesapeake Bay Program criteria applicable to utility line installations within Resource Protection Areas (RPA). Temporary impacts within wetland areas will be limited to less than 0.5 acres in accordance with U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Nationwide Permit #12. Shrubs and trees that are permanently disturbed in the RPA will be replaced in accordance with the Chesapeake Bay Program's Riparian Buffers Modification and Mitigation Guidance Manual. The Army has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed project consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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